

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

MAY 11, 2005

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board Members in attendance:

Robin Dolan

Carol Sepe

Carl DiRobbio, MD

Laurie Scripsack

Renee C Van Couyghen

Kim Crealey Rouillier

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Minutes of the meeting held March 9, 2005 were reviewed. Robin Dolan entered a motion to accept the Open minutes as presented, with an error noted. The fourth paragraph of page 2 reads, "Ms. Thompson met with the Board...", but should read "Ms. Rattey". Carl DiRobbio, MD, seconded the motion with unanimous agreement from remaining members.

Upon a motion by Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Renee C Van Couyghen, with agreement from remaining members, the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Complaints PT #1-2005 and #2-2005 were addressed.

Upon completion of business in Executive Session, Carol Sepe entered a motion, seconded by Robin Dolan, unanimous agreement by remaining members, to return to Open Session in accordance with Section 42-46-4 of the Open Meetings Law to report its vote and to seal the Executive Minutes. Board's final action: PT #1-2005 – no unprofessional conduct, complaint dismissed.

PTA applicant, Vincenza Conte, failed the national certification exam three times. Pursuant to Section 12.3.1 of the rules and regulations, Ms. Conte met with the Board to discuss requirements for re-examination. Ms. Conte used the Federation (FSBPT) study guide. She stated she has put in many study hours. Members suggested the following means of exam preparation: a course which helps organize the process of studying – there are three or four companies that offer this type of course, usually during the spring and summer; volunteering in an inpatient environment and observing in an outpatient environment as well. Ms. Conte will notify the Board of her studying activities when she requests permission to retake the exam.

This administrator informed the Board she is attending an advanced administrator conference with the Federation (FSBPT) in June, 2005. Members expressed interest in any change in the passing standard for the national physical therapy exam.

Members reviewed an education credentialing evaluation by the Foreign Credential Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) for PT applicant, Romy Schwaebe. The evaluation determined Ms. Schwaebe's education not equivalent with a bachelor's degree earned in the United States. On a motion by Kim Rouillier, seconded by Carol Sepe, with unanimous agreement from remaining members, the

Board agreed with the evaluation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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